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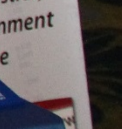
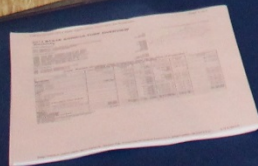
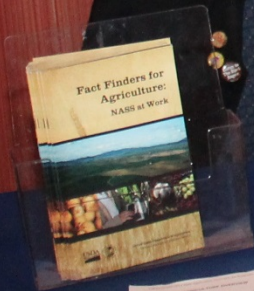
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Kentucky Forage and Grasslands Council

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Forages are produced on more open land in Kentucky than any other crop. About seven million acres are used to produce forage crops annually. This includes about 140,000 acres of corn silage, 320,000 acres of alfalfa hay, 1.9 million acres of grass and grass-legume hay and at least six million acres of permanent pastures. Forage crops are the backbone of the beef, dairy, horse and small ruminants industries. Studies have shown that 83, 61, 72 and 91 percent of the feed required for beef, dairy, horses and small ruminants, respectively, comes from forage crops.



For the livestock industry to continue to flourish in Kentucky, a strong forage base will be required. The Kentucky Forage and Grasslands Council promotes practices that:

- Increase forage yield
- Improve forage quality
- Increase efficiency of forage production
- Improve forage utilization
- Develop improved marketing systems
- Enhance environmental stewardship

KFGC serves as an organization in which everyone interested in forages can work together to improve the forage / livestock industry in Kentucky. At the same time, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are serving the interests of the entire state by promoting better land use, soil conservation, wildlife habitat, and reduced water pollution.

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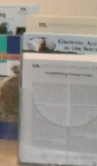
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KFGC Opportunities

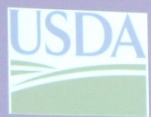
1. Educational meetings to learn and exchange ideas on the production and utilization of forage.
2. Forage trials and field days to see research and extension work and forage and industry experiments with forage.
3. Print and distribute newsletters and other publications dealing with forage activities and information.
4. Awards program to recognize outstanding accomplishments by forage producers and leaders in education and industry.
5. Coordinate forage promotion efforts with other state and national organizations.
6. Cooperate with state and federal agencies, educational institutions and local organizations in forage research, development and extension efforts.
7. Maintain an up-to-date forage website with details on the KFGC registration, upcoming forage events in KY and links to relevant publications and other organizations' websites.
8. Support undergraduate students from KY Universities to attend the AFGC National Conference.

Benefits of Membership

- Become a member of AFGC (American Forage and Grassland Council)
- Receive National "Forage Leader" Magazine
- Receive monthly KY newsletter "Forage News"
- 1 Free KDA hay quality test for new members
- Stay current with Kentucky forage updates through Kentucky Grazing Conference, Kentucky Alfalfa Conference and other events.







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